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BY:

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Date:

*May 6, 2005*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of :  
Kiyoshi Taguchi *et al.* :  
Conf. No.: 9338 : Group Art Unit: 1764  
Appln. No.: 09/357,507 : Examiner: Jennifer A. Leung  
Filing Date: July 20, 1999 : Attorney Docket No.: **10059-286**  
Title: HYDROGEN PURIFYING APPARATUS : **(P20931-01)**

**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for continued examination (RCE) of the above identified application in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2004 (Paper No. 20041104). Enclosed are the following in support of the RCE under 37 C.F.R. 1.114:

- Enter the unentered Amendment previously filed on &@ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the above application.
- An Amendment.
- An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08A and cited references.
- New formal drawings.
- A Petition for Extension of Time (three months) to May 9, 2005 for the pending application.
- Other: &@

The following fees are enclosed:

- RCE fee of \$790.00 required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).
- Extension of time fee in the amount of \$1,020.00

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- [ ] Additional claim fees of &@ for excess claims submitted in the enclosed Amendment,  
calculated as follows:

|   |   |  |                                       |                  | SMALL ENTITY |                | LARGE ENTITY |                |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |  | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE         | ADDITIONAL FEE | RATE         | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL   | (-)                                       |  | or 20                                 |                  | x25          |                | x50          |                |
| INDEP.  | (-)                                       |  | or 3                                  |                  | x100         |                | x200         |                |
| [ ] 1st PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS |   |  |                                       |                  | +\$180       |                | +\$360       |                |
|   |   |  |                                       |                  | <b>TOTAL</b> |                | <b>TOTAL</b> |                |

- [X] Firm check(s) totaling \$1,810.00 is enclosed herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0286) as noted below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- [X] Any overpayments or deficiencies in the above-calculated fee(s).
- [ ] RCE fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.00.
- [ ] Extension fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.00.
- [ ] Additional claim fee(s) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.00 as calculated above.
- [X] Any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.
- [X] In the event that a Petition for Extension of Time is required, but not enclosed, please charge any extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to our Deposit Account noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REQUEST**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2004 (Paper No. 20041104) in the above application. This response is being timely filed by May 9, 2005 in view of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time (three months) to and including May 9, 2005. The finality of the Office Action is being withdrawn by the filing of the accompanying RCE Request.

Please amend the application, without prejudice as follows: